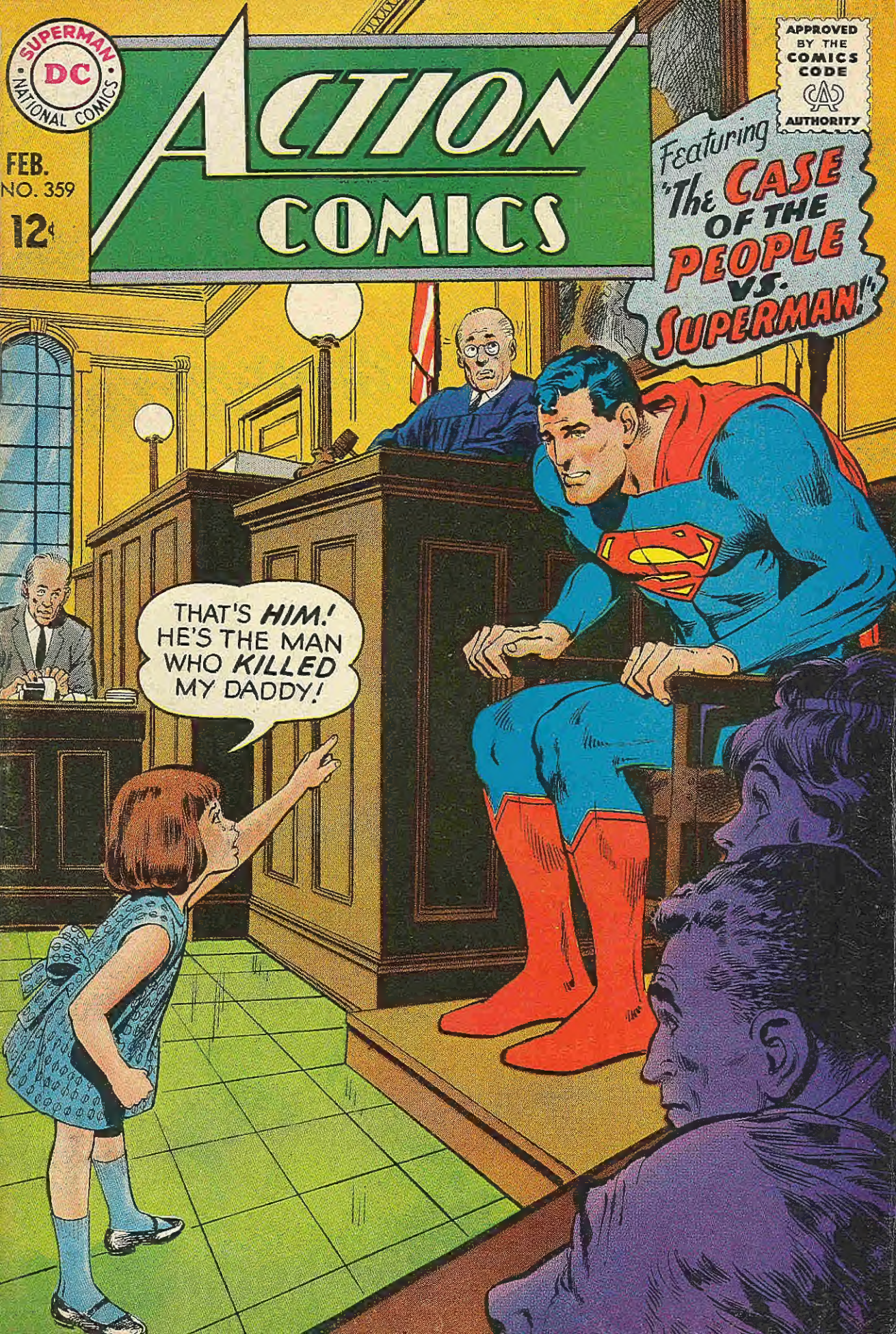
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SYMPAT
IS IT TRUE? CAN THE MAN OF STEEL BE PROVED GUILTY OF TAKING A HUMAN LIFE? IT'S A HIGH-TENSION DRAMA OF HOMICIDE AS YOU SIT IN ON THE...
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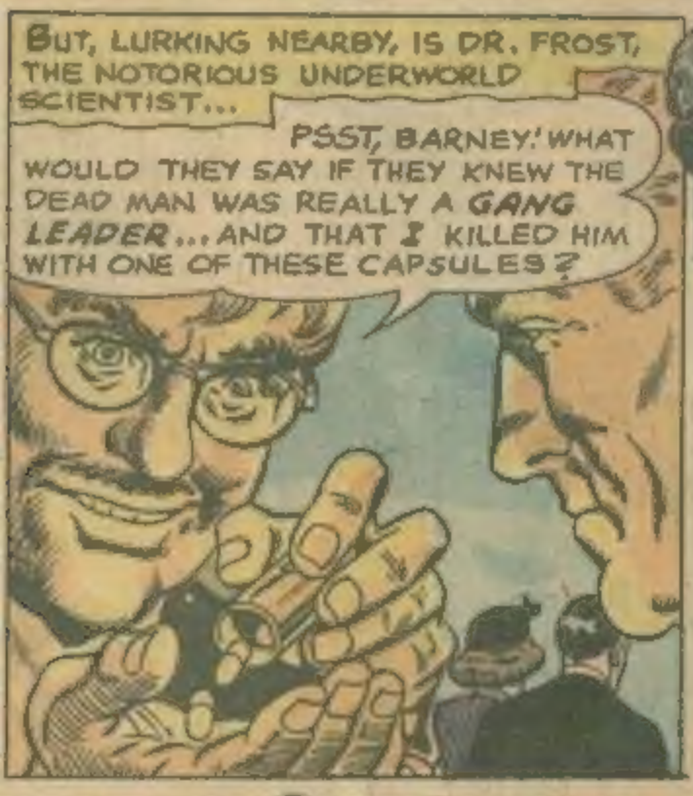
ONE BLEAK DAY, AT A METROPOLIS CEMETERY.
THAT'S MRS. NOBLE, THE DEAD MAN'S WIDOW... AND HER FATHERLESS DAUGHTER!
POOR WOMAN! HER HUSBAND WAS A RISING YOUNG BANKER, WHEN SUPERMAN ACCIDENTALLY KILLED HIM IN A BOXING MATCH!


BUT, LURKING NEARBY, IS DR. FROST, THE NOTORIOUS UNDERWORLD SCIENTIST...
PSST, BARNEY! WHAT WOULD THEY SAY IF THEY KNEW THE DEAD MAN WAS REALLY A GANG LEADER... AND THAT I KILLED HIM WITH ONE OF THESE CAPSULES?

"I GAVE NOBLE A CAPSULE HE THOUGHT WOULD PUT HIM INTO SUSPENDED ANIMATION, SO WE COULD FRAME SUPERMAN FOR KILLING HIM DURING A BOXING EXHIBITION."
SUPERMAN GAVE ME A MERE TAP ON THE JAW. BUT WHEN I BITE THIS CAPSULE, I'LL APPEAR TO BE DEAD!
KRRRTTT!

NOBLE DIDN'T KNOW HE SWALLOWED AN UNTRACEABLE, DEADLY POISON. NOW I'VE TAKEN OVER AS THE HEAD OF THE GANG AND SUPERMAN IS UNDER INDICTMENT FOR HOMICIDE! HA, HA!
WATCH IT, WISE-GUY! YOU'VE JUST MADE A BAD SLIP!

AT THAT MOMENT...
OH-OH! SUPERMAN! BETTER SHOVE OFF!
WHAT'S A CROOK LIKE DOC FROST DOING AT NOBLE'S FUNERAL?... HMM! HE JUST DROPPED SOME KIND OF CAPSULE. WONDER WHAT IT IS?
SYMPATHY

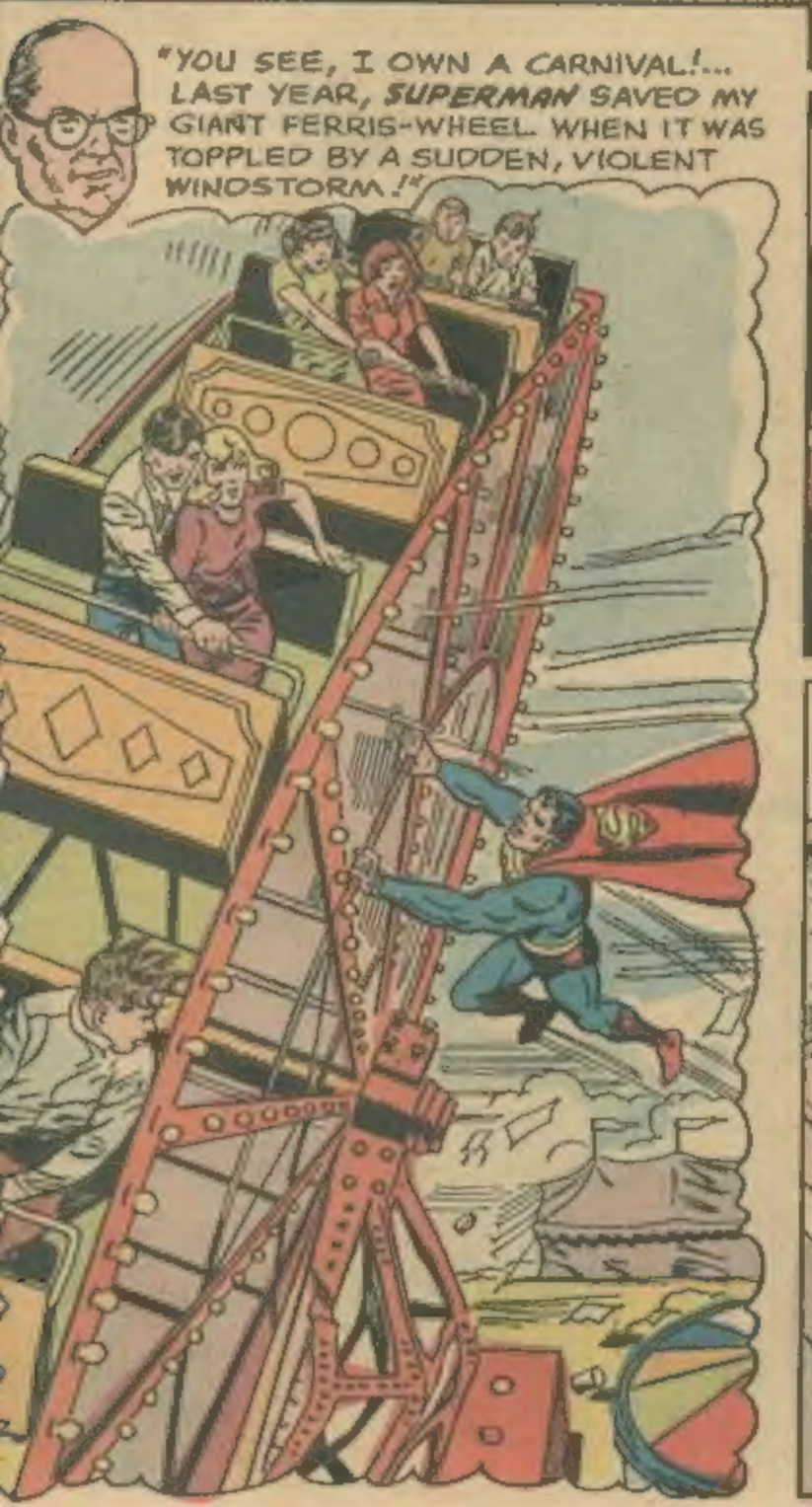
IT COULD BE SOME HARMLESS MEDICATION! BUT IT MIGHT BE AN ILLEGAL DRUG! I'LL CHECK IT OUT LATER!
I MUST BE CAREFUL! I DON'T WANT TO SMUDGE ANY CLUES, LIKE FINGERPRINTS!
THEN, AS THE MAN OF STEEL CARRIES OUT HIS SAD ERRAND...
MRS. NOBLE... I BROUGHT THIS WREATH TO SHOW HOW SORRY I AM FOR THE ACCIDENT.
SO YOU'RE SORRY!... AND YOU THINK THESE FLOWERS WILL MAKE UP FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE?
HOW CAN ANYTHING REPAY ME FOR THE PAIN, THE GRIEF YOU CAUSED? GET AWAY FROM ME, YOU KILLER! MURDERER!
SYMPA
ULP!
OFFICER, WHY CAN'T I MAKE THESE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND? IT WAS AN ACCIDENT. I'M NO KILLER!
I KNOW... BUT YOU'D BETTER LEAVE, SUPERMAN! THE CROWD'S GETTING UGLY, AND WHO KNOWS WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN? ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU OBVIOUSLY CAN'T CONTROL YOUR SUPER-POWERS!
YOUR HONOR! NO ONE COULD HAVE SEEN MY CLIENT COMMIT THE MURDER THAT NIGHT! BECAUSE A STORM HAD CAUSED A TOTAL BLACK-OUT!
HOURS LATER, AS EARL BARTON, THE FAMED TV WRITER-LAWYER, WATCHES ONE OF HIS STORIES BEING TELECAST...

AS THE PROGRAM ENDS...
THAT WAS YOUR BEST SCRIPT, BOSS! AND NO WONDER! THE CASE WAS TRUE, AND YOU WERE THE REAL-LIFE LAWYER WHO SAVED THE INNOCENT MAN!
NEWS
BUT THAT WAS BEFORE THE ACCIDENT THAT PUT ME IN THIS WHEEL-CHAIR AND ENDED MY LAW CAREER!
THEN, ON THE NEWS-CAST WHICH FOLLOWS...
...AND WHEN SUPERMAN ATTENDED THE FUNERAL OF RON NOBLE, THE MAN HE KILLED, HE WAS ATTACKED BY NOBLE'S WIDOW!
THE MAN OF STEEL GOES ON TRIAL FOR HOMICIDE NEXT WEEK! IT'S PREDICTED HE'LL BE FOUND GUILTY!
LISTEN, WILL YOU? THEY HAVE SUPERMAN CONVICTED ALREADY! I HEARD HE'S EVEN HAVING TROUBLE GETTING A LAWYER!
SUPERMAN'S AN OLD FRIEND! I'D BE PROUD TO REPRESENT HIM! I'LL LEAVE WORD FOR HIM AT THE DAILY PLANET!
NEXT DAY, AS SUPERMAN VISITS BARTON...
EARL, YOU HAVEN'T PRACTICED LAW IN YEARS. DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN CLEAR ME?
A CINCH!
WHO AM I KIDDING? I'LL NEED EVERY COURTROOM TRICK I KNOW TO GET HIM OFF THE HOOK!

RIGHT... FOR, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, DISTRICT ATTORNEY ALONZO KROLL HOLDS A PRESS CONFERENCE ...WHICH JIMMY OLSEN COVERS FOR THE PLANET...
GENTLEMEN, I ASSURE YOU THAT THERE IS NO SPECIAL CODE OF JUSTICE FOR SUPERMAN. WHETHER HE'S A HERO OR A HOODLUM, I WILL PROSECUTE HIM TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW!
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE SUPERMAN IS GUILTY... BUT THE D.A.'S CASE LOOKS AIR-TIGHT!

VOTE
WHEN THE REPORTERS LEAVE...
ELECT
FOR CONGRE
FOR GOVER
IF I WIN THIS CASE, I'LL BE FAMOUS AS "THE MAN WHO CONVICTED SUPERMAN"! WHAT A BOOST FOR MY CAREER! I'LL BE ABLE TO WRITE MY OWN TICKET...MAYBE AS FAR AS THE WHITE HOUSE!
ELECT KROLL FOR GOVERNOR HE CONVICTED SUPERMAN
ELECT KROLL FOR SEN
ELECT KROLL FOR SENATOR
KROLL FOR PRESIDENT
PRES

DAYS LATER, AS THE JURY IS SELECTED..
AND IF SUPERMAN WERE PROVEN GUILTY, WOULD YOU VOTE TO CONVICT HIM?
I--I DON'T KNOW! HE'LL ALWAYS BE A HERO TO ME, NO MATTER WHAT!

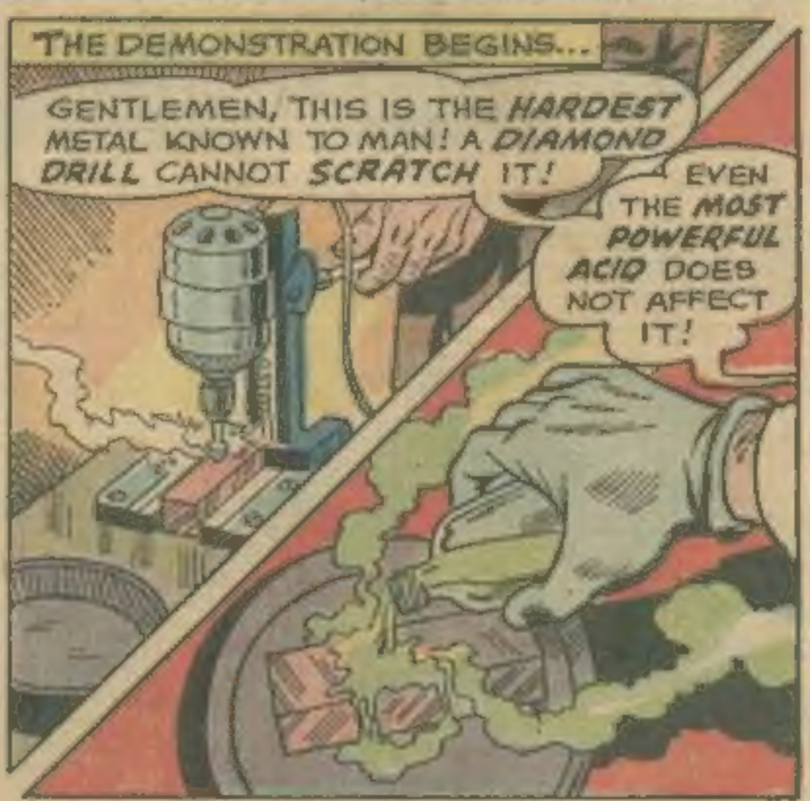

"YOU SEE, I OWN A CARNIVAL!... LAST YEAR, SUPERMAN SAVED MY GIANT FERRIS-WHEEL WHEN IT WAS TOPPLED BY A SUDDEN, VIOLENT WINDSTORM!"

ANOTHER HERO-WORSHIPPER, EH? YOU'D ALWAYS BE PREJUDICED IN SUPERMAN'S FAVOR! YOU'RE EXCUSED!
CALL THE NEXT NAME ON THE JURY ROLL!
BRUCE WAYNE ...STEP FORWARD!

BRUCE WAYNE? WHO ARE YOU KIDDING? EVERYONE KNOWS YOU'RE BATMAN'S FRIEND! AND BATMAN IS SUPERMAN'S PARTNER! YOU'RE EXCUSED, TOO!
HE'D MAKE THAT IN SPADES IF HE KNEW I WAS BATMAN!

LATER, AS THE TRIAL BEGINS...
...AND I WILL PROVE THAT THIS "BIG-HEARTED HERO", THIS SO-CALLED "DEFENDER OF THE WEAK", IS ACTUALLY A CONCEITED SUPER-EGOTIST, A RECKLESS BULLY WHO BROKE HIS OWN CODE AGAINST KILLING!
I DEFY YOU TO PROVE IT!

YOUR HONOR, I'LL START BY PROVING HOW VAIN AND CONCEITED SUPERMAN IS.
MY FIRST WITNESS IS PROF. GRATZ OF THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, WHO WILL DEMONSTRATE THE PROPERTIES OF A STRANGE, NEW ELEMENT.


THE DEMONSTRATION BEGINS...
GENTLEMEN, THIS IS THE HARDEST METAL KNOWN TO MAN! A DIAMOND DRILL CANNOT SCRATCH IT!
EVEN THE MOST POWERFUL ACID DOES NOT AFFECT IT!

AND WHAT IS THIS MARVELOUS ELEMENT CALLED?
IT IS NAMED SUPERMANIUM AFTER ITS DISCOVERER, SUPERMAN.
AND DOUBTLESS HIS MAIN MOTIVE FOR DISCOVERING THAT METAL WAS TO HAVE IT NAMED FOR HIM! HE DID IT TO FEED HIS SUPER-EGO!

I OBJECT! THE SCIENTIFIC WORLD WORLD GAVE IT THAT NAME OUT OF GRATITUDE.
BUT SUPERMAN DIDN'T STOP THEM...MAY I REMIND THE JURY THAT EVEN MADAME CURIE WAS TOO MODEST TO HAVE RADIUM NAMED AFTER HER!

NEXT TO TESTIFY IS A PROMINENT COIN AND STAMP COLLECTOR...
...AND THE PRIZE ITEMS OF MY COLLECTION ARE THESE STAMPS, COINS AND CURRENCY, ALL FEATURING SUPERMAN'S PICTURE.
MORE CHEAP PUBLICITY FOR THE MAN OF STEEL, EH?

OBJECTION! THOSE FOREIGN COUNTRIES PLACED HIS LIKENESS ON THEIR STAMPS AND MONEY TO HONOR HIM FOR THE HELP HE GAVE THEM IN TIMES OF DISASTER.
I WILL REMIND THE LEARNED COUNSEL THAT IN THIS COUNTRY, SUCH HONORS ARE NEVER GIVEN TO LIVING PERSONS!

BUT OTHER NATIONS OFTEN PRINT THE PICTURES OF LIVING KINGS AND QUEENS ON THEIR STAMPS AND MONEY.
AND, OF COURSE, SUPERMAN CONSIDERS HIMSELF GREATER THAN US ORDINARY "PEASANTS"! HE SEES HIMSELF AS A KING! NO MORE QUESTIONS!

NOW THAT I'VE SHOWN HOW CONCEITED SUPERMAN IS, I WILL PROVE HOW RECKLESS AND DESTRUCTIVE HE CAN BE.
WILL JIMMY OLSEN PLEASE TAKE THE STAND?
MY BEST PAL... TESTIFYING AGAINST ME!

MR. OLSEN, WE ALSO SUBPOENAED YOUR COLLECTION OF SUPERMAN PHOTO-SLIDES! WILL YOU KINDLY SHOW EXHIBITS 24-A AND 36-B TO THE JURY?
ER... IF I HAVE TO!... PLEASE DIM THE LIGHTS!

AS THE SLIDES ARE SHOWN...
THIS TELESCOPIC SHOT SHOWS HOW SUPERMAN ONCE RAN AMUCK AND SMASHED AN EXPERIMENTAL MULTI-SATELLITE SPACE LAUNCH.
I TOOK THIS SHOT OF SUPERMAN THE DAY HE WENT BERSERK AND USED HIS SUPER-BREATH TO CREATE A TORNADO THAT WRECKED THE ARMY PROVING GROUNDS... AND DESTROYED OUR COUNTRY'S MOST ADVANCED WEAPONS!
OBJECTION! MY CLIENT WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF RED KRYPTONITE IN BOTH THOSE INSTANCES!
AH, YES! RED KRYPTONITE... THE MYSTERIOUS ELEMENT WHICH CAUSES SUPERMAN TO ACT STRANGELY AND UNPREDICTABLY. WHAT A CONVENIENT ALIBI!
I SUPPOSE SUPERMAN WILL NOW SAY THAT HE KILLED RON NOBLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF RED K... AND THAT THEREFORE HE'S INNOCENT!
THAT D.A. IS CUTTING ME TO RIBBONS!
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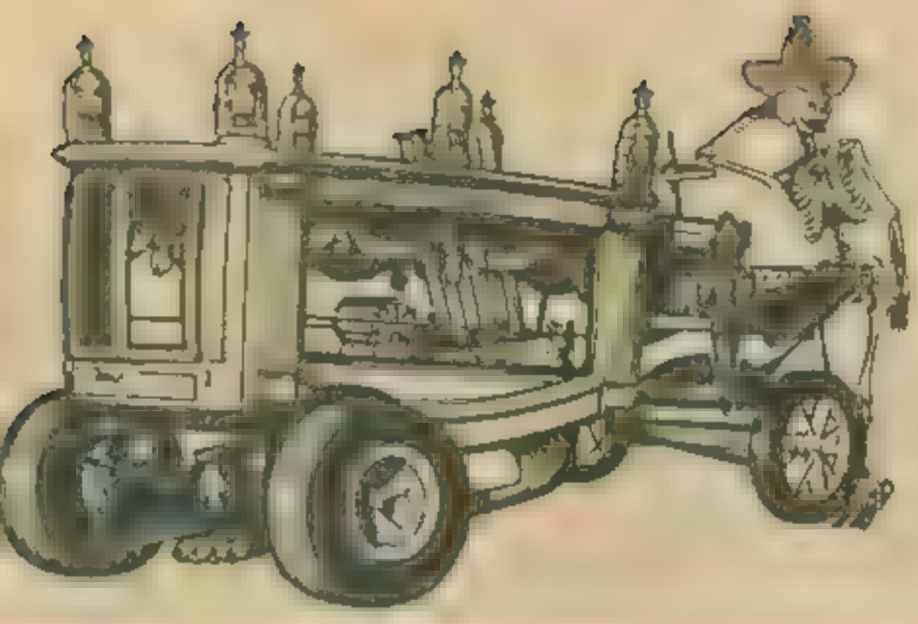

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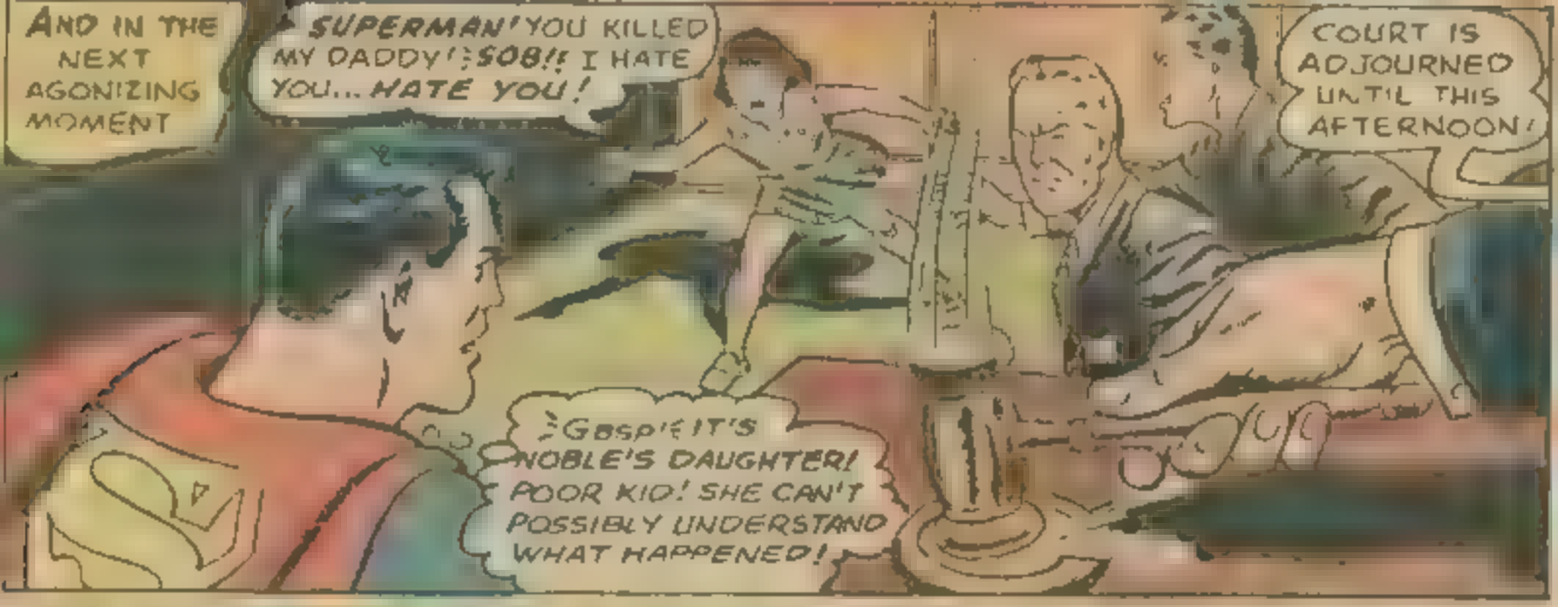
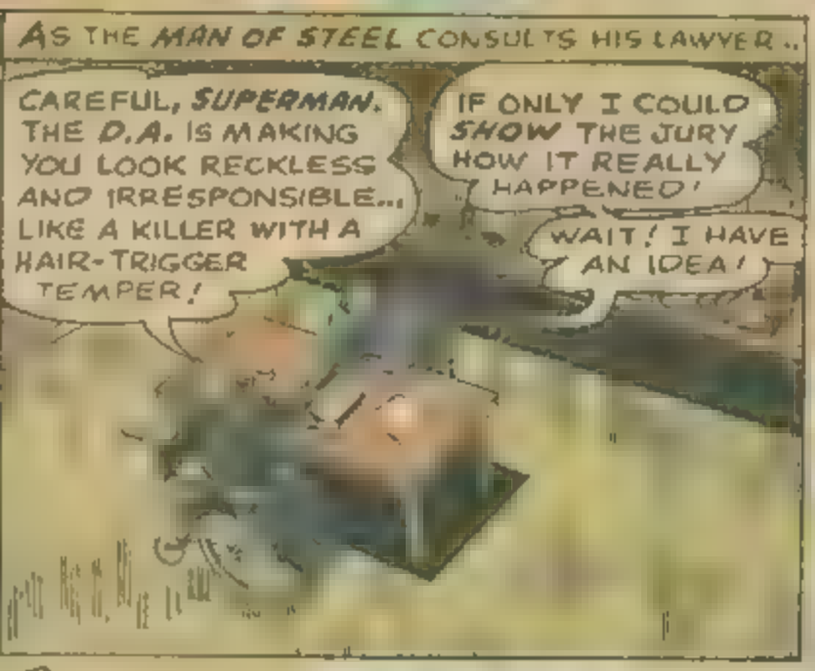
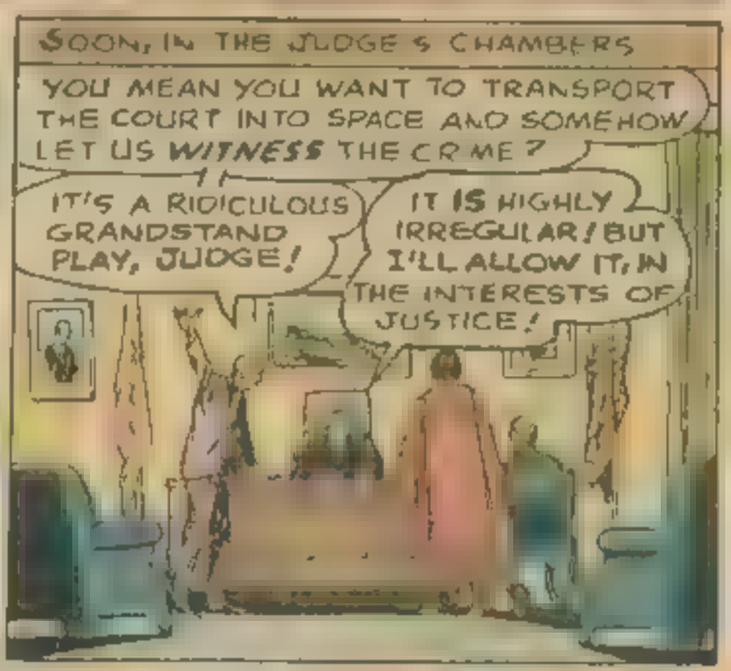
AS JIMMY LEAVES THE STAND...
SUPERMAN, I DIDN'T WANT TO TESTIFY AGAINST YOU, BUT...
I UNDERSTAND, JIMMY. YOU SWORE TO TELL THE TRUTH.. AND YOU DID! YOU'RE STILL MY BEST PAL.
BUT THE PRESSURE PILES UP!
AND NOW I WILL PROVE THAT, IN SPITE OF HIS CODE, SUPERMAN IS A KILLER! LOIS LANE... TAKE THE STAND!
THEY'RE USING ALL MY FRIENDS AGAINST ME! BUT HOW CAN LOIS PROVE I KILLED?
"IT'S TRUE. I SAW THE PROOF! IT HAPPENED WHEN SUPERMAN DEFLECTED A MYSTERIOUS NUCLEAR WEAPON AWAY FROM AN INHABITED ISLAND IN THE PACIFIC... "
"BUT WHEN HE SET OFF THE DEVICE, THE FALLOUT WIPED OUT THE CREW OF A PASSING SHIP, DISINTEGRATING THEM TO DUST..."
BUT WHEN LOIS IS CROSS-EXAMINED.
AND NOW, MISS LANE, SUPPOSE YOU TELL THE REST OF THAT GHASTLY STORY.
I WAS ABOUT TO, WHEN THAT PROSECUTOR CUT ME OFF...
"IT TURNED OUT THAT THOSE "SAILORS" WERE REALLY DANGEROUS ALIENS FROM SPACE, WEARING HUMAN MASKS.. CONDEMNED MURDERERS WHO HAD ESCAPED FROM THEIR OWN WORLD."

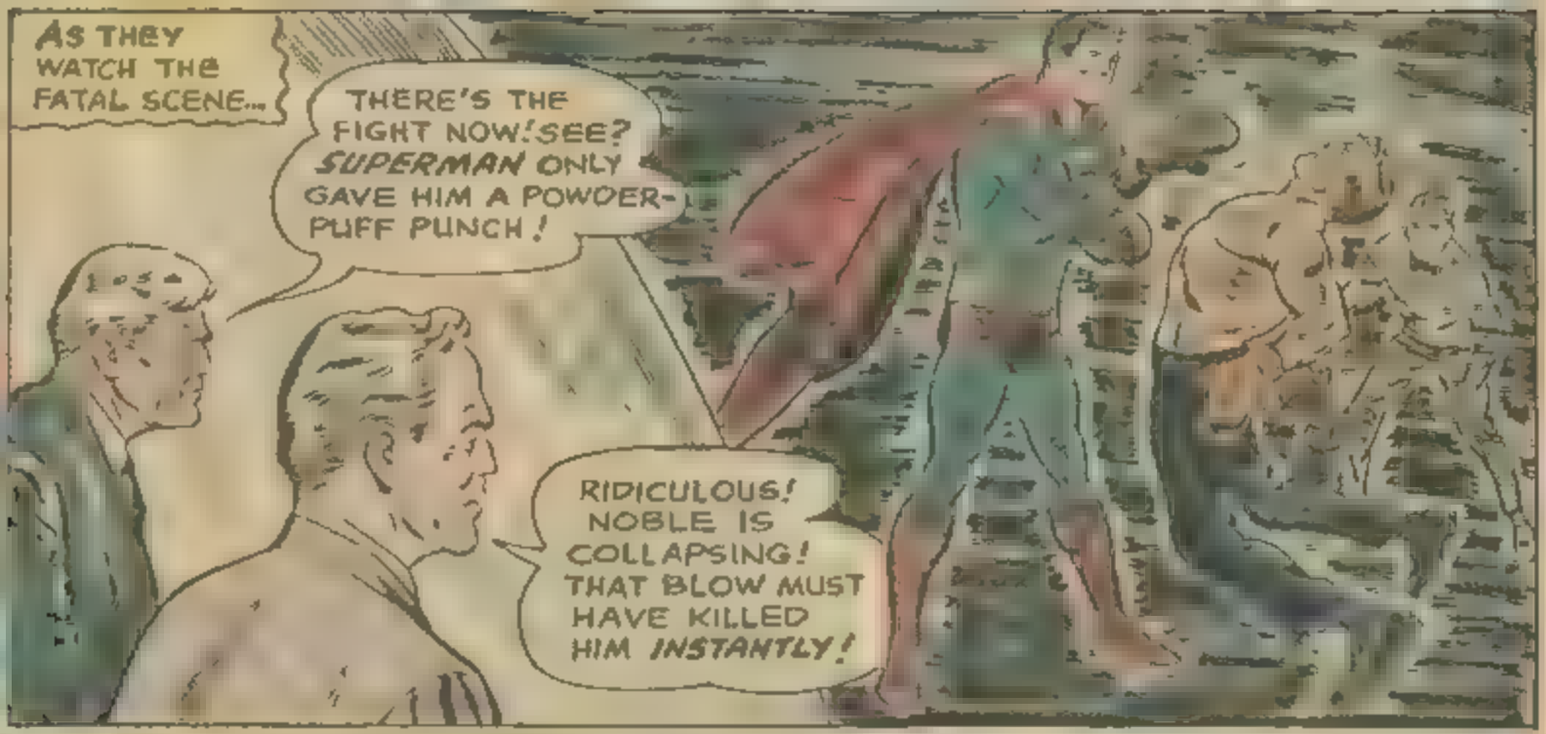
DON'T TRY TO COVER UP FOR SUPERMAN! HE DIDN'T KNOW THOSE ALIENS WERE CRIMINALS WHEN HE WIPED THEM OUT...AND BROKE HIS CODE AGAINST KILLING.
BUT IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!
MEANWHILE EVIL EYES WATCH THE MAN OF NIGHTS PRED CAMENT .
THEY'RE SURE THROWING THE BOOK AT SUPERMAN, EH, DOC?
NOW THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED THE "CREDIBILITY GAP", THE STATE ASKS SUPERMAN TO TAKE THE STAND
QUIET!
AFTER THE CAPED KRYPTONIAN IS SWORN IN...
SO THEY CALL YOU THE "PROTECTOR OF THE WEAK"!— EH? WELL, TELL THE JURY HOW YOU "PROTECTED" RON NOBLE IN THAT EXHIBITION MATCH.
I USED THOSE OVERSIZED, PADDED BOXING GLOVES
YOU MEAN YOU REALLY EXPECTED A MERE BOXING GLOVE TO ABSORB THE IMPACT OF YOUR SUPER-PUNCH... A BLOW THAT COULD SHATTER A MOUNTAIN?
YOU'RE TRYING TO MAKE ME LOOK LIKE A MURDERER!
I TELL YOU, I WAS CONTROLLING MY PUNCHES! I ONLY HIT NOBLE WITH A LIGHT TAP... HUH?
KRUNNNCH!
A CONTROLLED PUNCH?... A LIGHT TAP?... THANK YOU, SUPERMAN!
GREAT PLANETS! BY LOSING MY TEMPER, I ONLY AIDED HIS CASE!
THE STATE RESTS!

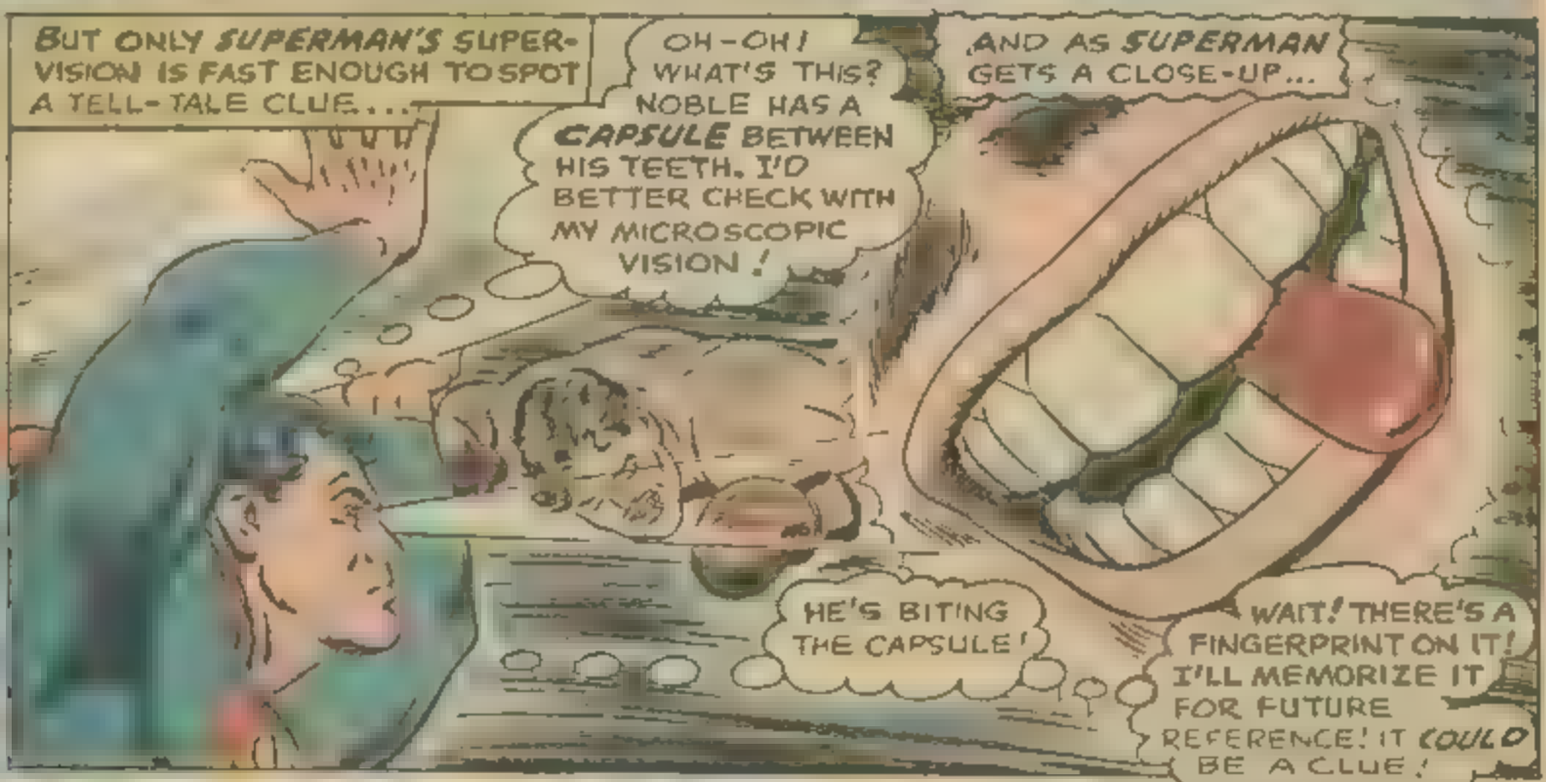

AND IN THE NEXT AGONIZING MOMENT
SUPERMAN! YOU KILLED MY DADDY! SOB!! I HATE YOU... HATE YOU!
COURT IS ADJOURNED UNTIL THIS AFTERNOON!
GASP! IT'S NOBLE'S DAUGHTER! POOR KID! SHE CAN'T POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED!

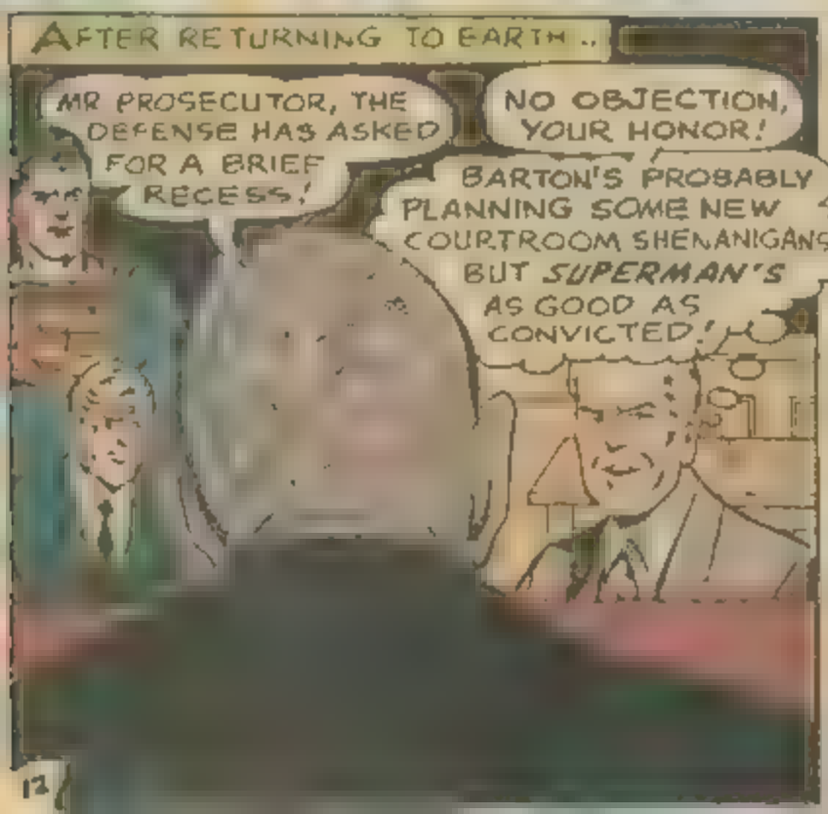

AS THE MAN OF STEEL CONSULTS HIS LAWYER..
CAREFUL, SUPERMAN. THE D.A. IS MAKING YOU LOOK RECKLESS AND IRRESPONSIBLE... LIKE A KILLER WITH A HAIR-TRIGGER TEMPER!
IF ONLY I COULD SHOW THE JURY HOW IT REALLY HAPPENED!
WAIT! I HAVE AN IDEA!

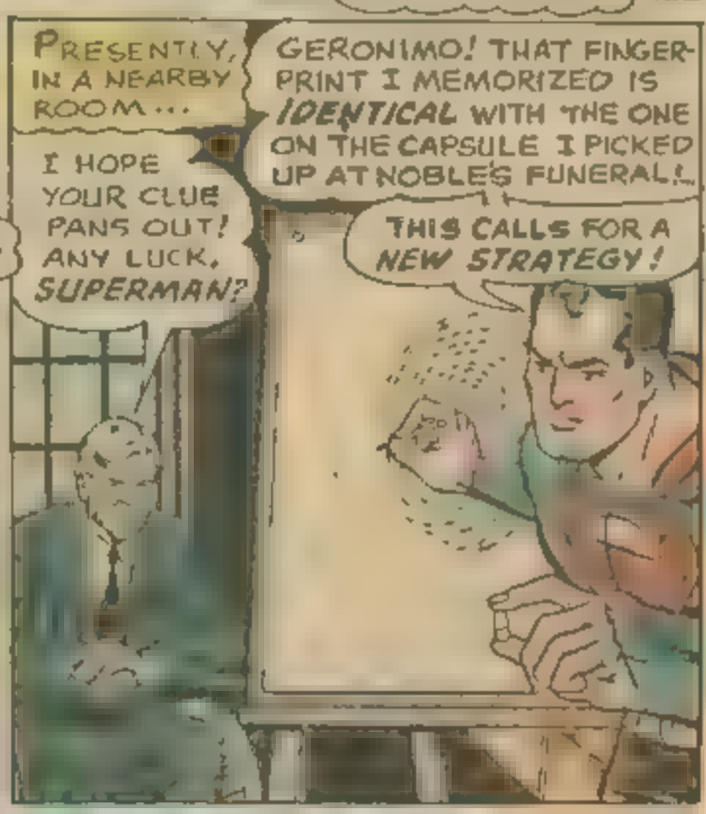

SOON, IN THE JUDGE'S CHAMBERS
YOU MEAN YOU WANT TO TRANSPORT THE COURT INTO SPACE AND SOMEHOW LET US WITNESS THE CRIME?
IT'S A RIDICULOUS GRANDSTAND PLAY, JUDGE!
IT IS HIGHLY IRREGULAR! BUT I'LL ALLOW IT, IN THE INTERESTS OF JUSTICE!

CONSTRUCTING A GIANT GLASS CAPSULE, SUPERMAN CARRIES THE FLYING COURT-ROOM FAR INTO THE VOID...
BY FLYING US FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF LIGHT, SUPERMAN CAN OVERTAKE THE LIGHT-RAYS WHICH LEFT EARTH WEEKS AGO. WE'LL HAVE A RINGSIDE VIEW OF THE ACTUAL ACCIDENT!

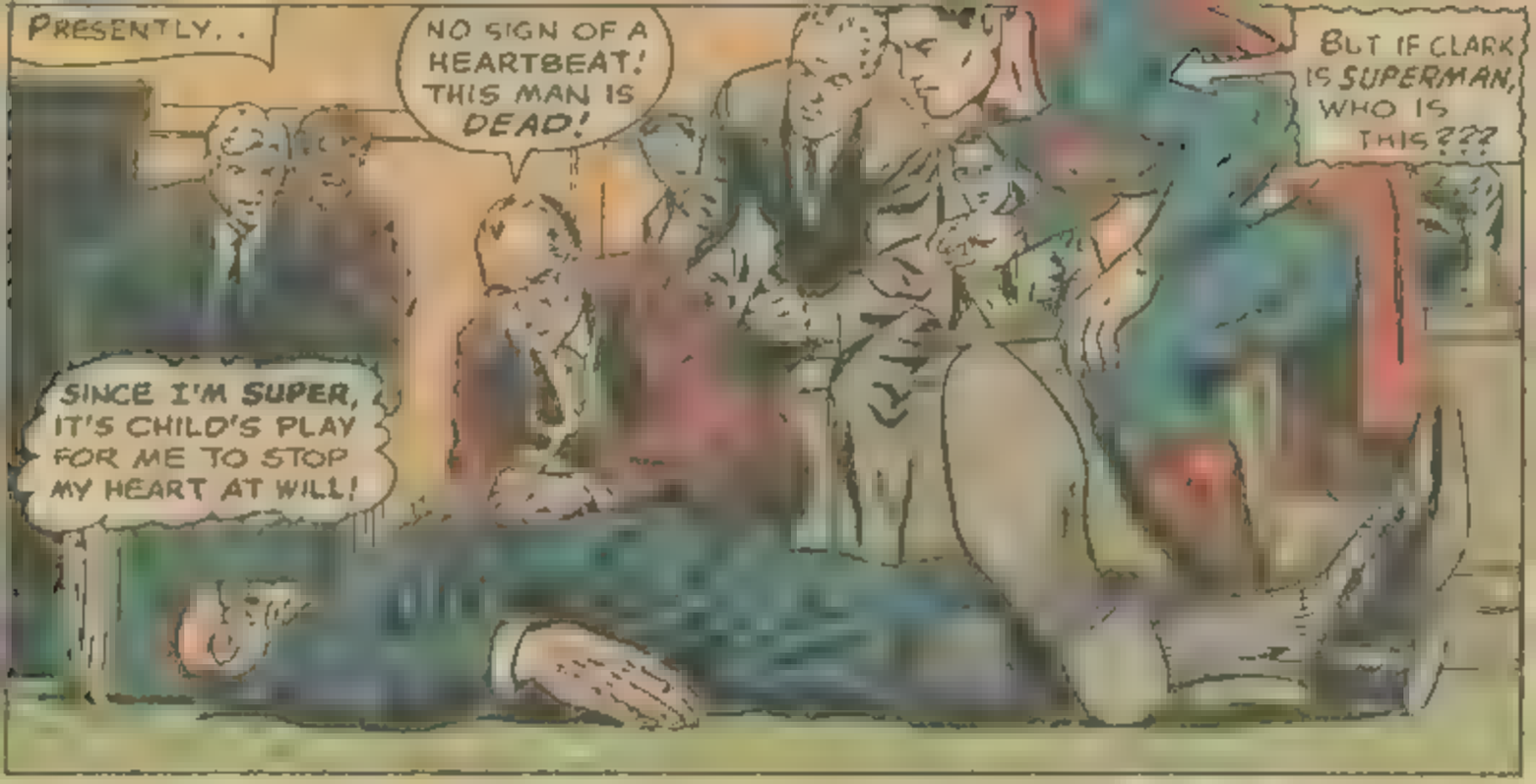

AS THEY WATCH THE FATAL SCENE...
THERE'S THE FIGHT NOW! SEE? SUPERMAN ONLY GAVE HIM A POWDER-PUFF PUNCH!
RIDICULOUS! NOBLE IS COLLAPSING! THAT BLOW MUST HAVE KILLED HIM INSTANTLY!

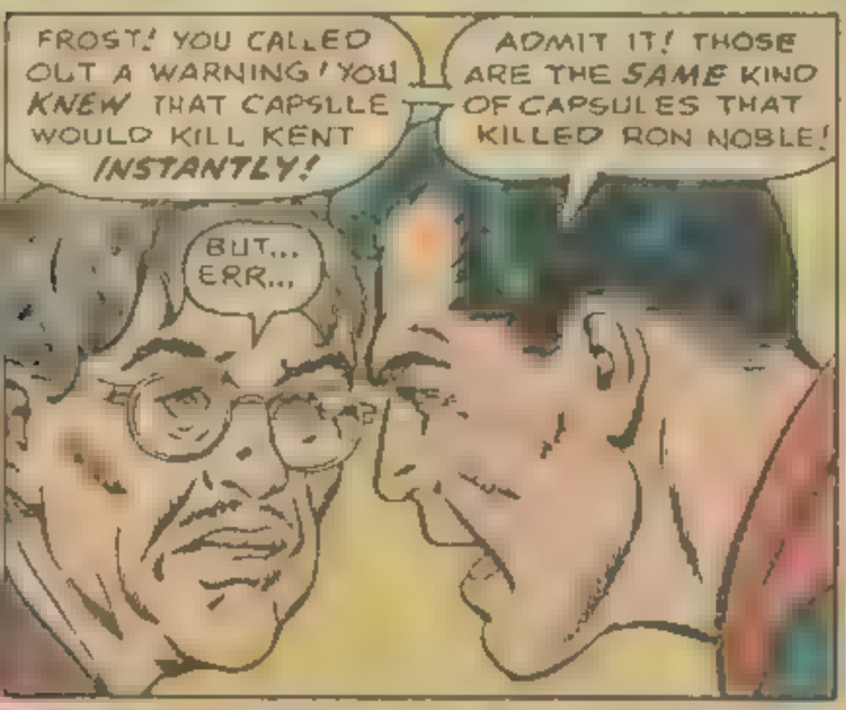

BUT ONLY SUPERMAN'S SUPER-VISION IS FAST ENOUGH TO SPOT A TELL-TALE CLUE...
OH-OH! WHAT'S THIS? NOBLE HAS A CAPSULE BETWEEN HIS TEETH. I'D BETTER CHECK WITH MY MICROSCOPIC VISION!
AND AS SUPERMAN GETS A CLOSE-UP...
HE'S BITING THE CAPSULE!
WAIT! THERE'S A FINGERPRINT ON IT! I'LL MEMORIZE IT FOR FUTURE REFERENCE! IT COULD BE A CLUE!

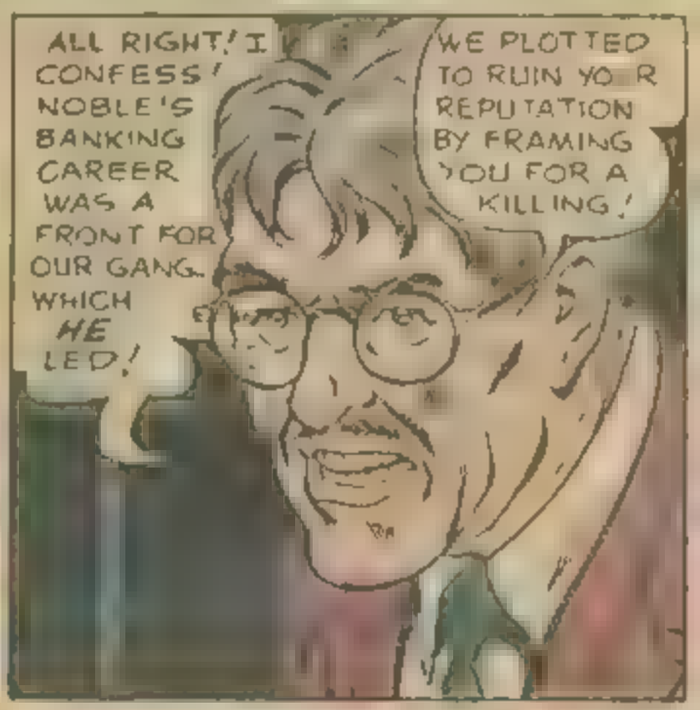

AFTER RETURNING TO EARTH..
MR PROSECUTOR, THE DEFENSE HAS ASKED FOR A BRIEF RECESS!
NO OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR!
BARTON'S PROBABLY PLANNING SOME NEW COURTROOM SHENANIGANS. BUT SUPERMAN'S AS GOOD AS CONVICTED!

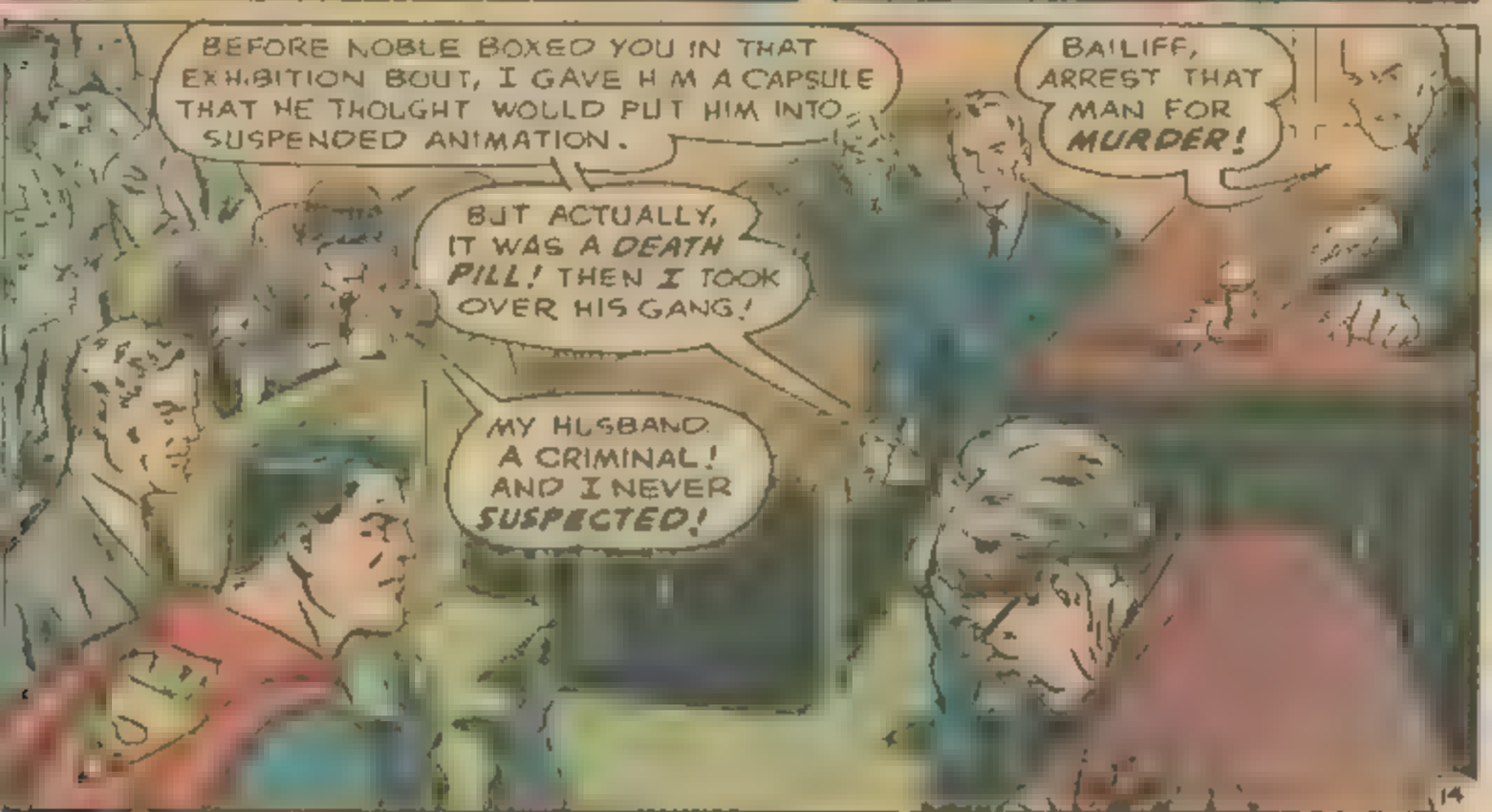

PRESENTLY, IN A NEARBY ROOM...
I HOPE YOUR CLUE PANS OUT! ANY LUCK, SUPERMAN?
GERONIMO! THAT FINGER-PRINT I MEMORIZED IS IDENTICAL WITH THE ONE ON THE CAPSULE I PICKED UP AT NOBLE'S FUNERAL!..
THIS CALLS FOR A NEW STRATEGY!

WHEN THE TRIAL RESUMES..
WITH THE COURT'S PERMISSION, I WILL CALL A SURPRISE WITNESS!
WH-WHO, ME?
HOW COULD THEY CONNECT ME WITH THE CASE?
DR FROST TAKE THE STAND!
DR. FROST, I UNDERSTAND YOU CARRY A CONTAINER OF CAPSULES WITH YOU. WHAT KIND ARE THEY?
TH-THESE? THEY'RE-ER-VITAMINS!
HARMLESS PILLS, EH? WILL THE COURT PLEASE DIRECT THE WITNESS TO SWALLOW ONE OF THOSE CAPSULES?
NO! I DEMAND MY RIGHTS! NOT EVEN SUPERMAN CAN FORCE ME TO SWALLOW ONE IF I DON'T WANT TO!
A CHEAP COURT-ROOM TRICK! HOW DOES THIS CONCERN THE CASE?
I BELIEVE THOSE CAPSULES WILL PROVE WHO REALLY KILLED RON NOBLE! AND I HAVE A VOLUNTEER, READY TO TEST THEM!
WILL CLARK KENT STEP FORWARD?
KENT, I WARN YOU! SWALLOWING THIS CAPSULE MAY MEAN YOUR DEATH!
I'M READY, SIR! IT'S WORTH THE RISK IF IT MEANS CLEARING SUPERMAN'S NAME!
AN INSTANT LATER...
NO! DON'T, YOU FOOL!
IT'S TOO LATE! CALL A DOCTOR!


PRESENTLY..
NO SIGN OF A HEARTBEAT! THIS MAN IS DEAD!
BUT IF CLARK IS SUPERMAN, WHO IS THIS???
SINCE I'M SUPER, IT'S CHILD'S PLAY FOR ME TO STOP MY HEART AT WILL!


FROST! YOU CALLED OUT A WARNING! YOU KNEW THAT CAPSULE WOULD KILL KENT INSTANTLY!
ADMIT IT! THOSE ARE THE SAME KIND OF CAPSULES THAT KILLED RON NOBLE!
BUT... ERR...


ALL RIGHT! I CONFESS! NOBLE'S BANKING CAREER WAS A FRONT FOR OUR GANG. WHICH HE LED!
WE PLOTTED TO RUIN YOUR REPUTATION BY FRAMING YOU FOR A KILLING!


BEFORE NOBLE BOXED YOU IN THAT EXHIBITION BOUT, I GAVE HIM A CAPSULE THAT HE THOUGHT WOULD PUT HIM INTO SUSPENDED ANIMATION.
BAILIFF, ARREST THAT MAN FOR MURDER!
BUT ACTUALLY, IT WAS A DEATH PILL! THEN I TOOK OVER HIS GANG!
MY HUSBAND A CRIMINAL! AND I NEVER SUSPECTED!

OKAY, SUPERMAN! YOU GOT ME! BUT IT COST THE LIFE OF YOUR BUDDY, KENT.
DON'T BET ON IT, FROST! I'VE HAD ONE OF YOUR DEATH CAPSULES FOR DAYS...LONG ENOUGH TO DEVELOP AN ANTIDOTE -- THIS REVIVAL GAS!
SECONDS LATER .
WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE AM I?
SEE? ONE WHIFF AND HE COMES TO!
ARRRR!
IN BARTON'S OFFICE, AFTER THE CASE IS DISMISSED
FRANKLY, SUPERMAN WE COULDN'T HAVE TRICKED THAT CONFESSION OUT OF FROST WITHOUT CLARK'S HELP!
BUT YOU STOOD BY ME IN THE PINCH, EARL! I'LL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO PAY YOUR FEE!
PRESENTLY, IN A NEARBY ALLEY ..
HERE'S YOUR COSTUME BACK, SUPERMAN. YOUR "DEATH SCENE" SHOULD WIN AN OSCAR!
WELL, THAT WAS REAL POISON I TOOK IN MY CLARK KENT IDENTITY! IT WOULD HAVE KILLED ME, IF I WEREN'T SUPER!
BUT WHAT WOULD THE JUDGE SAY IF HE KNEW THAT REVIVAL GAS WAS A PHONY, AND THAT THE SUPERMAN HE ACQUITTED WAS ACTUALLY BATMAN IN DISGUISE?
DOES IT MATTER? JUSTICE CAME OUT ON TOP!
SO LONG, BATMAN! I STILL HAVE MY LAWYER'S FEE TO PAY!
DAYS LATER, IN METROPOLIS HOSPITAL
SUPERMAN, THANKS TO YOUR X-RAY VISION, THE SURGEONS WERE ABLE TO FIND AND REPAIR THE DAMAGED NERVES THAT CRIPPLED ME! I CAN WALK AGAIN!
IT WAS THE LEAST I COULD DO..FOR A SUPER-FRIEND!

Dear Editor:

Just curious—who's the new chap doing the covers for the SUPERMAN ACTION and SUPERBOY mags for December, January and February? He's just great!!

—Martin Pasko, Clifton, N.J.

(He's Neal Adams—and he did the cover of this issue, too. He's currently doing THE SPECTRE and the DEADMAN stories in STRANGE ADVENTURES. And don't be surprised if he turns up with a Superman-Batman story in WORLD'S FINEST one of these days.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

As every fan knows, one of Superman's super-powers is heat vision. My question is, when Superman uses this power, are the laser-type beams visible to the naked eye? If they are, he would never be able to use it in his secret identity; otherwise, he might be exposed. And yet, if the beams are invisible, how is it possible for them to be so powerful and give off so much heat? If you dare to print this letter, please answer seriously.

—Issie Borenstein, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

(The rays are infra-red, which is beyond the visible spectrum; therefore, like Superman's X-rays, they are invisible, no matter how hot they get. Of course, we illustrate the beams in our stories. But that's artistic license, to let you know when the man of steel's super-vision is turned on.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I really like the way you answer letters asking how Superman managed something which appears to be a goof. Don't apologize for mistakes. Just don't make them. Never give in to a boo-boo-finder; discover a loophole in his argument. Your comics are better than ever.

—Carl Joy, Silver Creek, N.Y.

(We'll do our best—but as for not making boners... if only it were possible! But it happens to the best of us. We all make mistakes. That's why they put erasers on pencils—and bibs on babies.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Part One. Aim: To prove Superman can't fly.

(1) Earth has some gravity, so no matter how large Krypton was, or how strong its gravity, Superman couldn't fly on Earth even if he weighed only a few ounces. Leap, yes. Fly, no.

(2) If, by some miracle, he could get off the ground, it would be by flapping like a feather and he couldn't control speed or direction.

(3) If, by a bigger miracle, he *could* control speed and direction, how would he get down (except by crashing)?

(4) To sum it up. Superman is like a bumblebee. It doesn't know it's too heavy for its tiny wings, so it flies.

Part Two. Aim. To prove Superman *can* fly.

In a simple statement: the thrills and enjoyment he brings to people entitle him to the right to fly. Go get 'em, Clark Kent...Superman style!

—Mark Squires, Philadelphia, Pa.

(Thanks—but Superman's flying doesn't come entirely from Earth's lesser gravity. The rays of Earth's yellow sun give him, among other powers, the ability to defy gravity. As for the bumblebee, we recall that several years ago some designers in an aircraft company decided to test the theory that it can't fly. They built a plane along the lines of a bumblebee—and the craft *flew*.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I read in a comic collectors' magazine about a computerized poll of how many people read various brands of comics. The computer's projection of the poll results gave these figures: DC—3,369,000; Brand A—3,000,000; Brand G—2,360,000; Brand D—2,000,369; Brand M—1,360,000; Brand C—1,000,000. These are the leaders (except for an educational series), so you can clearly see who tops the field.

—Wesley Scott, Lafayette, Calif.

(Thanks for the word, Wes; but confidentially, we knew it all along!—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

For a while, Superman had only two good foes, Brainiac and Luthor, and these two were used too often. Recently though you've treated us to an array of exciting foes for the Man of Steel. The Annihilator is a great baddie, and one the few villains who actually seem to be insane. He blames Superman for something the Metropolis Marvel couldn't possibly be responsible for. Although it's not his nature, Superman was wise to run away, so that he could fight another day. I wish more of your heroes would think with something besides their fists.

—Tony Isabella, Cleveland, Ohio.

(You'll get a second look at another of Superman's new line-up of incredible do-badders in the next issue of this mag, when the Man of Might faces "The Return of the Parasite."—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

On October 3, "The Match Game," on TV, had a question: "Describe something about Superman." Three contestants said he flies, one said he wore a cape, another said he was mighty, and the sixth said he was strong.

—Matt Huber, Brazil, Ind.

(It just goes to show what we've always said—EVERYBODY knows Superman!—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I've long been a fan of Supergirl, but at the same time I've been somewhat dissatisfied with her. After quite a bit of thought, I've decided the source of this dissatisfaction is her hair. To be blunt about it—Yiech! Not that I'm trying to be uncomplimentary, but I find that long hair with the curls on the end very unflattering. Long hair is fine, when done right, but Supergirl wears hers in an unattractive fashion. She ought to get with it and change her style to something more flattering to her face. After all, you changed her alter-ego's hair. Linda got rid of those silly pigtails some time ago. So why not give Supergirl a we[illegible]? She could even pop down to Kandor, where she isn't super, get a fast styling job, and come back to Earth with a new image. How 'bout it?

—Dave Cockrum, San Diego, Calif.

(Sounds good to us. And since Kurt Schaffenberger, who designed Lois Lane's new hair style, is now doing the Maid of Steel's adventures, we'll see what he can do for Supergirl now.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

On Sept. 3, I was watching the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon when a contribution of $401 was made by the editors, artists and staff of National Periodicals. I think this is a wonderful thing that you did, and it makes me proud to be a DC fan.

—Thomas Reilly, Woodhaven, N.Y.

(And we take a special pride in readers who feel this way about such efforts to wipe out the diseases that strike down so many people, even in this super-scientific age.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I feel it is my duty as a reader of Superman magazines to inform you that Superman looks better in a beard. I discovered this while doodling in one of your recent issues. A beard would give the Man of Steel a more masculine look. In the past, all superheroes have worn beards—Hercules and Samson, for instance.

Jack Voltz, Pittsburgh, Pa.

(Sure, and Superman DID have a beard once, when Red Kryptonite caused him to grow one. Of course, he had to get rid of it before switching to Clark Kent, or his secret identity would have been revealed. And since his whiskers don't grow under a yellow sun, and no form of Red K can work on him twice, it's unlikely the Beard of Steel will be back.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Of all your characters, my favorite is Perry White. Yet he is also one of the most neglected. Your other newspaper people are always winning awards for their reporting; for instance, last year you had two stories in which Clark won prizes. I wish you would dedicate an 80 PAGE GIANT to Perry White. How about it?

Mike Pascoe, Edison, N.J.

(We just might do that. After all, Perry's done pretty well in the award department himself. He's a Pulitzer Prize winner, or didn't you know?—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Though I can't say I'm very fond of continued stories, you, at least, put some substance into each episode. In the November ACTION you proved this again. The fourteen pages of the Superman episode were well worth the space. My compliments to artist Wayne Boring and cover artist Neal Adams.

—Mark Evanier, Los Angeles, Calif.

(Speaking of continued stories, the longest epic we ever published—the story of how Supergirl was adopted and how her existence was revealed to the world—has been edited into a full-length novel for the next 80 PAGE GIANT ACTION. If you missed this stupendous tale when it was serialized some years ago, you won't want to overlook it this time.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

My brother and I are both training for what we hope will one day be Olympic careers. I'm building up my body for weightlifting and my brother is training as a runner. I find that as my muscles grow so that I can lift large weights, I am a bit slower moving, while my brother remains slim and is fast but no powerhouse when it comes to lifting. What we'd like to know is how Superman can have those big, bulging muscles and still run and fly like a streak?

—Gil Martin, Kalamazoo, Mich.

(It's not easy. You have to be born on Krypton. You boys started out wrong by being Earthmen.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I have a new idea for a Red Kryptonite effect. Have Superman becoming a human "amoeba," splitting in two over and over again. 100 splits would give us 1,267,650,600,228,229,401,496,703,205,376 Supermen. Do I get a prize for this suggestion?

—Mark Durst, Culver City, Calif.

(Sure, provided you can get as many fans to buy that issue as there are Supermen after 100 splits.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

What is this? Is every planet like Earth? In all your stories every planet has clouds, trees, grass, deserts and oceans. On Krypton they even had dogs. All worlds seem to have windows in their buildings and everything else, just like on Earth.

—Robert Quinn, Burbank, Calif.

(We have various forms of life, plus clouds, oceans, etc., on inhabited planets, because science says it would be likely that where intelligent life exists these other things would be in evidence. As for making everything like Earth, we please not guilty! Just look at the square Bizarro World! Everything's the *opposite* of Earth in that planetary madhouse!—Ed.)

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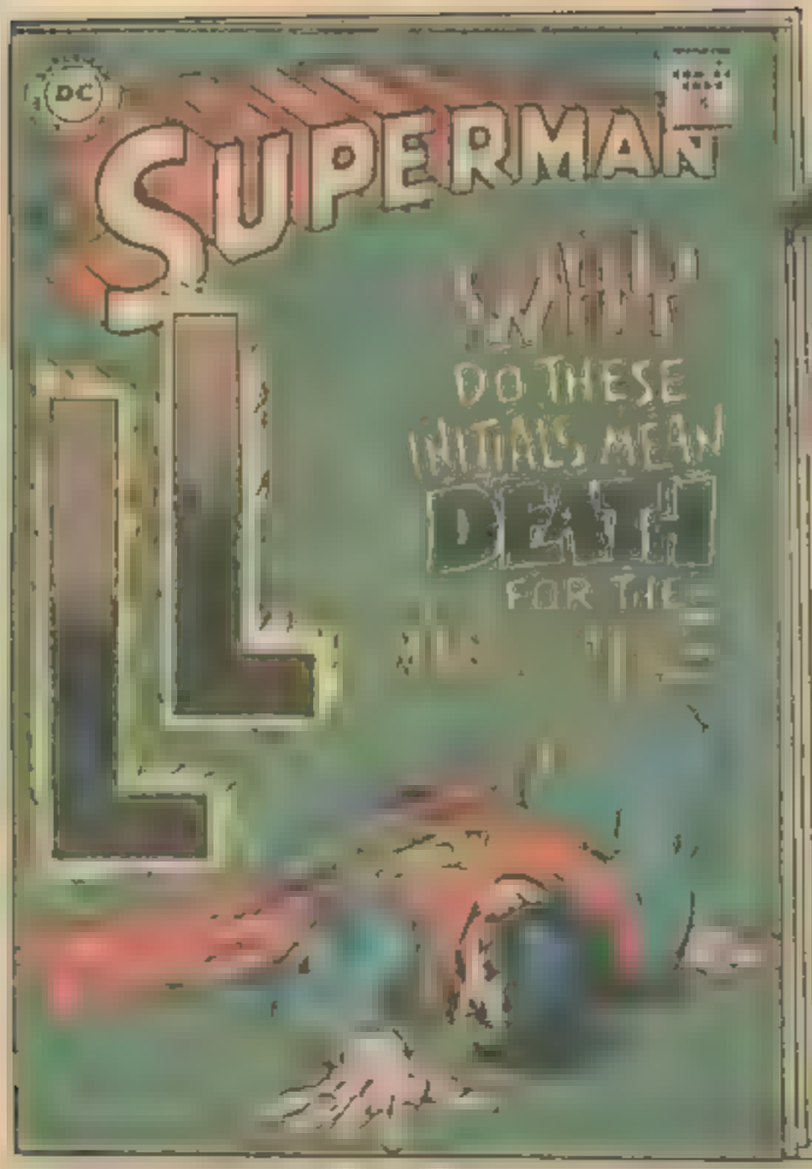

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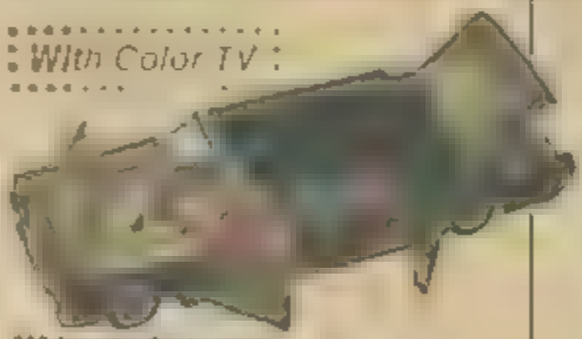

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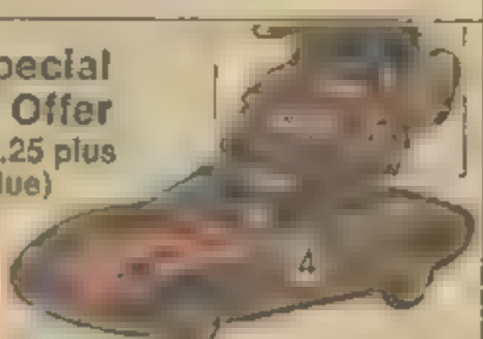

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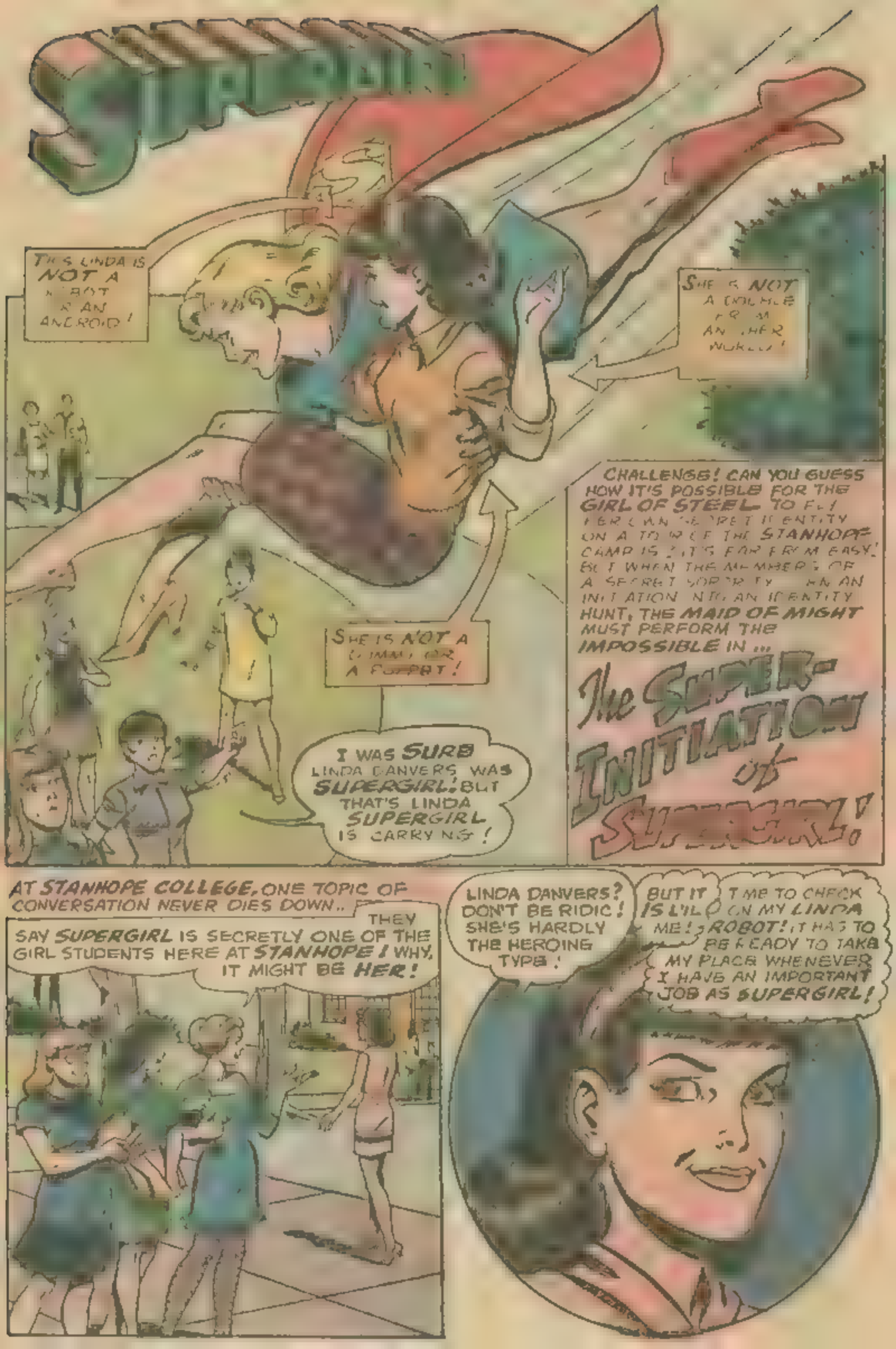
SUPERGIRL!
THIS LINDA IS NOT A ROBOT BUT AN ANDROID!
SHE IS NOT A DOUBLE FROM ANOTHER WORLD!
SHE IS NOT A DUMMY OR A PUPPET!
I WAS SURE LINDA DANVERS WAS SUPERGIRL! BUT THAT'S LINDA SUPERGIRL IS CARRYING!
CHALLENGE! CAN YOU GUESS HOW IT'S POSSIBLE FOR THE GIRL OF STEEL TO FOOL HER OWN SECRET IDENTITY ON A TOUR OF THE STANHOPE CAMP IS? IT'S FAR FROM EASY! BUT WHEN THE MEMBERS OF A SECRET SORORITY HAZE AN INITIATION INTO AN IDENTITY HUNT, THE MAID OF MIGHT MUST PERFORM THE IMPOSSIBLE IN...
The SUPER-INITIATION of SUPERGIRL!
AT STANHOPE COLLEGE, ONE TOPIC OF CONVERSATION NEVER DIES DOWN..
THEY SAY SUPERGIRL IS SECRETLY ONE OF THE GIRL STUDENTS HERE AT STANHOPE! WHY, IT MIGHT BE HER!
LINDA DANVERS? DON'T BE RIDIC! SHE'S HARDLY THE HEROING TYPE!
BUT IT IS LIKE ME! TIME TO CHECK ON MY LINDA ROBOT! IT HAS TO BE READY TO TAKE MY PLACE WHENEVER I HAVE AN IMPORTANT JOB AS SUPERGIRL!

SOON, IN THE WOODS NEAR THE CAMPUS ...
COME OUT, ROBOT!
I CAN'T, MISTRESS! MY LEGS ARE IMMOBILIZED! I CAN ONLY MOVE MY ARMS!
HMM... MY X RAY VISION SHOWS YOU HAVE A BROKEN ELECTRO-RELAY! I'LL HAVE TO REPAIR IT LATER WHEN I HAVE TIME!
HA, HA, HA! LOOK AT JOAN SQUIRM! HA, HAAAAA!
SAY... WHAT'S THAT LOUD LAUGHTER OFF IN THE WOODS? I'LL CHECK!
TIMES UP JOAN YOU LOST OUT IN YOUR INITIATION TESTS TO JOIN THE XI-PI-HI-FI!
WATCH OUT SHE SHOOK THAT HORNETS NEST LOOSE! RUN FOR COVER, GIRLS!
WHAT'S JOAN BRYANT DOING BOUND TO THAT TREE? AND WHAT'S WITH THE HALLOWEEN BIT?
JOAN'LL NEVER MAKE IT! SHE ONLY HAS 10 SECONDS TO GET FREE OF THE ROPES!

OWW! THEY'RE STINGING ME! HELP!
THOSE RATTY CATS LEFT JOAN TIED UP. AT THE MERCY OF A HIVE OF ANGRY HORNETS! THIS CALLS FOR A RESCUE BY SUPERGIRL!
Boy...
SCAT! SHOO! BACK TO YOUR NEST!
THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM! I CAN'T TACKLE THE WHOLE SWARM BY HAND!
...I'LL TAKE HER AWAY FROM THE HORNETS! IT'LL BE QUICKER TO TAKE TREE AND ALL!
KEEP YOUR COOL, JOAN A BURST OF SUPER-SPEED WILL LEAVE THE SWARM FAR BEHIND!
THE HORNETS WHO SETTLED ON MY INVULNERABLE SKIN ARE ONLY BLUNTING THEIR STINGERS!
BUT NOW I KNOW WHAT I'LL DO! IF I CAN'T SHOO THE HORNETS AWAY FROM JOAN...

MOMENTS LATER.
THANKS, SUPERGIRL! I WAS BEING INITIATED BY THAT SECRET SORORITY!
BRUTAL HAZING AND SECRET SORORITIES ARE BANNED AT STANHOPE! I COULD BLOW THE WHISTLE ON THIS GROUP NOW, BUT I'D RATHER GIVE THEM A LESSON!
A LITTLE LATER INSIDE THE CLUBHOUSE.
NO MORE NEW MEMBERS TO INITIATE, SO THIS MEETING IS CLO... HUH?
HOLD IT! I WANT TO JOIN YOUR CLUB!
SUPERGIRL! WHY SHOULD WE ADMIT YOU?
SIMPLE IF YOU DON'T, I'LL EXPOSE YOUR SORORITY TO THE DEAN!
D-DON'T DO THAT! YOU WIN!
BUT GIVE US UNTIL TOMORROW TO DEVISE SPECIAL INITIATION TESTS! THE USUAL ONES WOULD BE A SNAP FOR YOU!
SORORITY
AFTER SUPERGIRL LEAVES...
LISTEN... I HAVE A SENSASH SCHEME TO BLACKMAIL THAT SUPER-SQUARE SO SHE WON'T DARE EXPOSE US!
GOT YOU, SONYA!
DORIS, YOU WORK PART-TIME IN THE DEAN'S OFFICE! GET PHOTO COPIES OF THE RECORDS I'M LISTING!
AT LAST, SONYA'S PLAN IS LAUNCHED.
CERTAIN FACTS ABOUT SUPERGIRL ARE KNOWN! NOW RIFLE OUT THE RECORDS OF EVERY GIRL WHO FITS THOSE STATISTICS!
FILE
BLUE EYES
HAT. 5 5"
WGT. 110 LBS.
FINALLY.
AH! ONLY THREE GIRLS FIT 100 PERCENT: ONE OF THEM MUST BE SUPERGIRL... AND THE INITIATION WILL TELL US WHICH ONE!
JANET BERG
REGISTRATIONS
LINDA DANVERS
REGISTR
YVONNE CHATAM
REGISTRATIONS
STANHOPE COLLEGE
COLOR EYES Blue
HEIGHT 5' 5"
WEIGHT 110 lbs.
SIGNATURE Yvonne Chatam

THEN SUPERGIRL WON'T DARE TO EXPOSE OUR SECRET SORORITY FOR FEAR WE'LL EXPOSE HER!
HERE SHE COMES NOW!
BRING ON YOUR INITIATION TESTS! I'M READY!
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO HAVE TOTAL-RECALL, SUPERGIRL! YOU MUST KNOW THE WHOLE U.S. CONSTITUTION BY HEART! WRITE IT ON THAT BLACKBOARD. WORD FOR WORD, IN TEN SECONDS!
THAT'LL BE EASY, AT SUPER-SPEED!
BUT YOU MUST NOT DISGUISE YOUR HAND-WRITING! ON YOUR HONOR! ...GO!
HMM... WHY THAT RULE? I'LL DIRECT MY X-RAY VISION THROUGH THE BLACKBOARD.
OH-OH! THOSE PAPERS AND SAMPLES OF HANDWRITING... NOW I SEE THEIR SCHEME!
WE'LL JUST COMPARE HER HANDWRITING WITH THE SAMPLES OF THE THREE "SUSPECTS"! THEN WE'LL KNOW WHO SHE IS!
TIME'S UP, SUPERGIRL!
WHAT KIND OF DEAL IS THIS? YOU WROTE IT ALL IN SHORT-HAND!
WHY NOT? IT IS A GENUINE FORM OF WRITING! AND I'M SURE SOME OF YOU KNOW SHORTHAND, SO YOU CAN CHECK AND SEE THAT I LEFT NOTHING OUT!
SHE OUTFOXED US! BUT THIS CAPER ISN'T OVER! WE HAVE TWO MORE TESTS LINED UP!
NEXT STUNT... SEE THAT COAL, SUPERGIRL!

SUPER-SQUEEZE SOME INTO A DIAMOND AS BIG AS A BASEBALL!
OKAY, BUT YOU CAN'T KEEP IT! I NEVER USE MY POWERS TO MAKE ANYONE RICH!
THERE! 150 CARATS!
WILD! NOW PLACE IT CAREFULLY ON THIS VELVET CLOTH, SO WE CAN.. ER.. LOOK AT IT FOR A WHILE!
ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL?
CRAZY.
THE END
I'M SURE THEY'RE UP TO ANOTHER TRICK, BUT MY VIEW IS BLOCKED... AND SENDING MY X RAY VISION THROUGH PEOPLE COULD BE HARMFUL TO THEM!
SO THAT'S THE GIMMICK! SONYA IS DUSTING THE ROCK WITH POWDER TO BRING OUT MY FINGERPRINTS ON IT!
PERFECT! NOW GET THE FINGERPRINT RECORDS OF THOSE THREE GIRLS!
MY HEAT VIS ON WILL FUSE THAT LIGHT FIXTURE AND SMOOTH IT INTO A MIRROR!

UNNOTICED, SUPERGIRL SNATCHES UP ANOTHER LUMP OF COAL, AND...

THIS TIME I'LL FORM A DIAMOND "NEEDLE" AS THIN AS AN INVISIBLE WIRE!

THEN I'LL RUB SOME COAL DUST ON ITS POINT AND EXTEND IT FURTHER UNTIL I REACH THOSE FINGERPRINT CARDS!

NOW TO CHANGE THE WHORLS OF MY FINGER-PRINTS, BEFORE THE GIRLS PICK UP LINDA'S CARD!

LINDA DANVERS

AND AGAIN, THE XI-PI-HI-FI SORORITY SCHEMERS ARE FOILED!

NO DICE! NONE MATCHES SUPER-GIRL'S PRINTS ON THE DIAMOND!

BUT I STILL THINK SHE'S ONE OF THESE THREE GIRLS! SHE MUST HAVE TRICKED US... SOMEHOW!

BUT SONYA IS SUSPICIOUS...

HMM... LINDA'S FINGERPRINT CARD LOOKS DIFFERENT, SOMEHOW... AS IF IT HAD BEEN TAMPERED WITH! I'M BETTING SHE'S SUPERGIRL... AND OUR FINAL TEST WILL PROVE IT!

AS I TOLD YOU, I'LL HAVE TO GET RID OF THIS DIAMOND! I'LL HURL IT DOWN TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH!

AND WHILE I'M AT IT, I'LL DROP MY DIAMOND "PEN" DOWN THE SAME HOLE!

FOR YOUR THIRD INITIATION STUNT, JUST FIND LINDA DANVERS AND FLY HER AROUND THE CAMPUS THREE TIMES WHILE WE WATCH!

YULPS!! THAT IS A TOUGH ONE! MY LINDA ROBOT CAN'T POSE AS MY OTHER IDENTITY TILL SHE'S REPAIRED!

LATER, EMERGING FROM THE WOODS ONTO THE CAMPUS...
GIRLS, SPREAD OUT AND MAKE SURE SUPERGIRL DOESN'T TRY ANY TRICKS!
TAKE OFF YOUR MASKS, BUT DON'T LET HER SEE YOUR FACES!
THOSE FLIMSY MASKS CAN'T STOP MY X-RAY VISION! I'VE LOOKED 'EM OVER SO THOROUGHLY I KNOW WHAT SHADE OF EYEBROW PENCIL EACH ONE USES!
BUT HOW CAN I FOOL THOSE FEMALE FINKS WHEN MY LINDA ROBOT CAN'T USE ITS LEGS?
WAIT!...THAT GIRL STUDYING OVER THERE GIVES ME A BRAINSTORM!
I'LL INSTRUCT MY ROBOT VIA SUPER-VENTRILOQUISM!
ATTENTION, ROBOT! AS I FLY OVER THE CAMPUS, PRETENDING TO SEARCH FOR LINDA, YOU WILL DO THIS...
AS SONIA STANDS AT HER POST, WATCHING THE MAID OF MIGHT'S FAKE SEARCH...
HAH! FIVE MINUTES, AND SUPERGIRL HASN'T FOUND LINDA DANVERS! HOW CAN SHE, WHEN SHE IS LINDA? WE HAVE HER COLD!
HI, LINDA!
WAIT! SUPERGIRL IS CARTING DOWN, AND...
OH, NO!
OH, IT'S YOU, SUPERGIRL! WHAT'S NEW?
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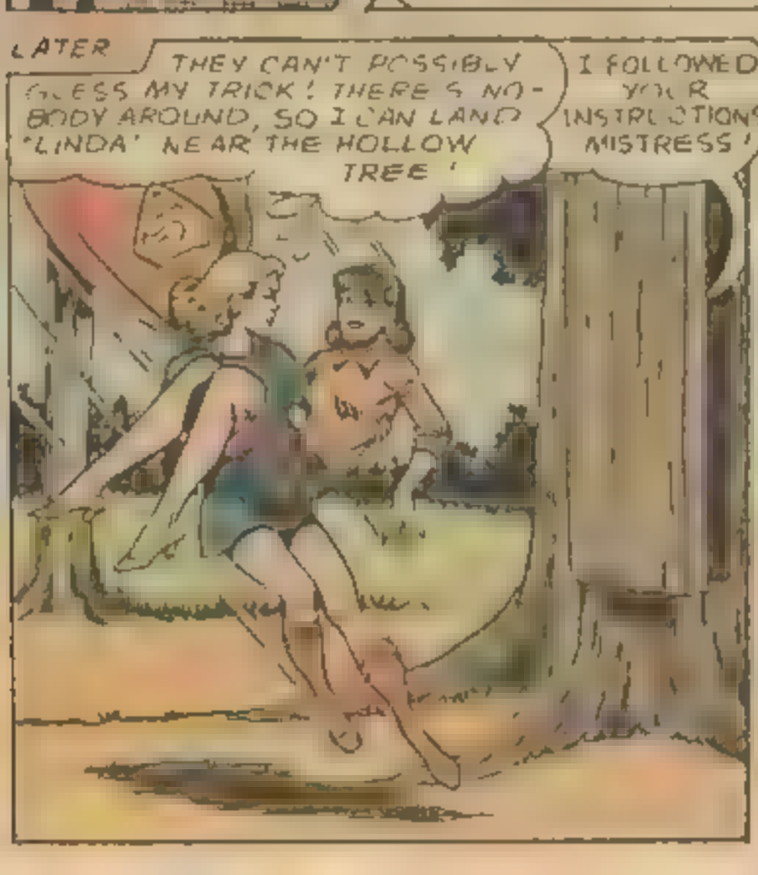
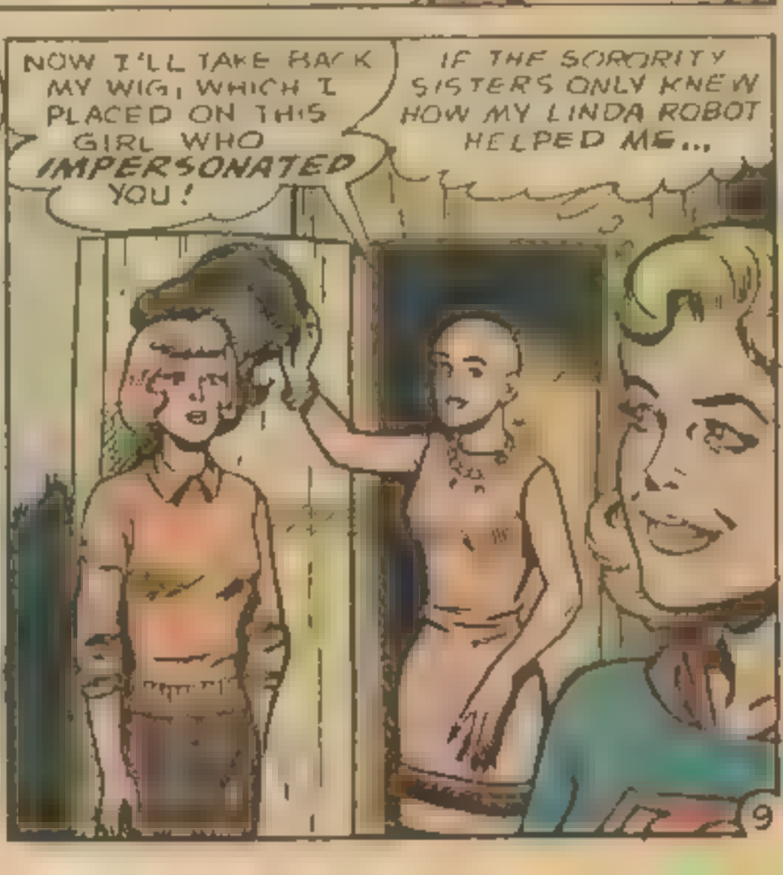
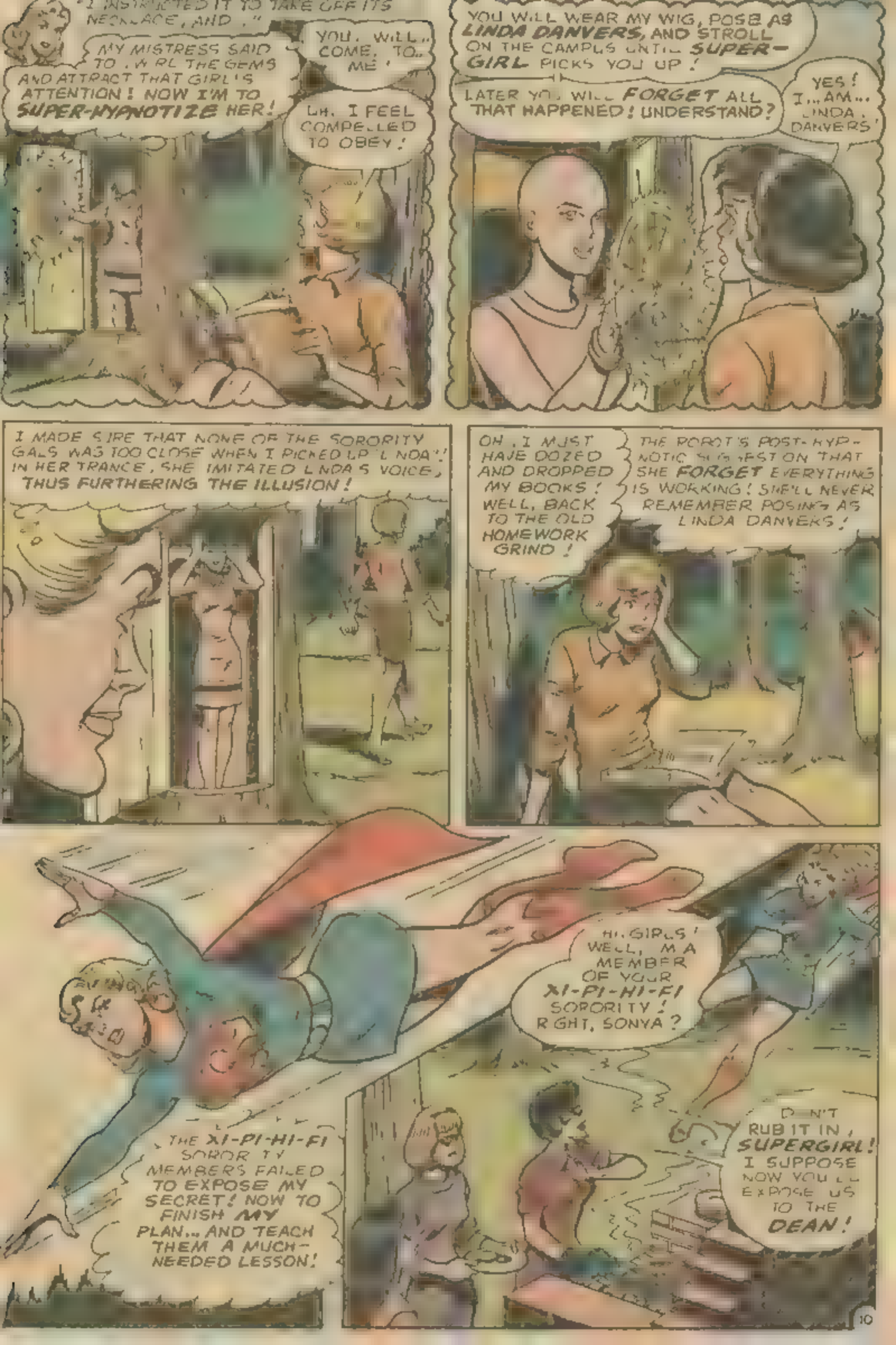
I...ER...WANT TO PRACTICE A NEW KIND OF FLYING MANEUVER WHILE CARRYING A LOAD! JUST HANG ON AND ENJOY THE TRIP!
WHEEEEEEE! WHAT A RIDE!
HOW HAS SUPERGIRL PULLED THIS AMAZING DECEPTION WITHOUT HER LINDA ROBOT?
IT'S TERRIF, SUPERGIRL!
SHE LOOKS LIKE LINDA!
SHE TALKS LIKE LINDA!
SHE IS LINDA! WE GOOFED, CATS! SUPERGIRL MUST BE ONE OF THE OTHER GIRLS.. BUT WE'LL NEVER KNOW WHICH!


LATER
THEY CAN'T POSSIBLY GUESS MY TRICK! THERE'S NOBODY AROUND, SO I CAN LAND 'LINDA' NEAR THE HOLLOW TREE!
I FOLLOWED YOUR INSTRUCTIONS MISTRESS!


NOW I'LL TAKE BACK MY WIG, WHICH I PLACED ON THIS GIRL WHO IMPERSONATED YOU!
IF THE SORORITY SISTERS ONLY KNEW HOW MY LINDA ROBOT HELPED ME...


"I INSTRUCTED IT TO TAKE OFF ITS NECKLACE, AND..."
MY MISTRESS SAID TO WORL THE GEMS AND ATTRACT THAT GIRL'S ATTENTION! NOW I'M TO SUPER-HYPNOTIZE HER!
YOU... WILL... COME... TO... ME!
UH. I FEEL COMPELLED TO OBEY!
YOU WILL WEAR MY WIG, POSE AS LINDA DANVERS, AND STROLL ON THE CAMPUS UNTIL SUPER-GIRL PICKS YOU UP!
LATER YOU WILL FORGET ALL THAT HAPPENED! UNDERSTAND?
YES! I...AM... LINDA DANVERS!
I MADE SURE THAT NONE OF THE SORORITY GALS WAS TOO CLOSE WHEN I PICKED UP LINDA'S IN HER TRANCE, SHE IMITATED LINDA'S VOICE, THUS FURTHERING THE ILLUSION!
OH, I MUST HAVE DOZED AND DROPPED MY BOOKS! WELL, BACK TO THE OLD HOMEWORK GRIND!
THE ROBOT'S POST-HYPNOTIC SUGGESTION THAT SHE FORGET EVERYTHING IS WORKING! SHE'LL NEVER REMEMBER POSING AS LINDA DANVERS!
HI, GIRLS! WELL, I'M A MEMBER OF YOUR XI-PI-HI-FI SORORITY! RIGHT, SONYA?
DON'T RUB IT IN, SUPERGIRL! I SUPPOSE NOW YOU'LL EXPOSE US TO THE DEAN!
THE XI-PI-HI-FI SORORITY MEMBERS FAILED TO EXPOSE MY SECRET! NOW TO FINISH MY PLAN... AND TEACH THEM A MUCH-NEEDED LESSON!

I SHOULD SAY NOT! I JUST CAME TO JOIN YOUR COOKOUT PARTY! SUPPOSE I DO THE COOKING WITH MY HEAT VISION!
COOKING THEIR GOOSE, THAT IS!
STOP! "CHARCOAL BROILING" DOESN'T MEAN BURNING ALL THE HOT-DOGS AND HAMBURGERS TO CHARCOAL!
OH, SORRY! GUESS I HAD MY HEAT VISION ON "WISH"! BUT JUST BRING ON ANOTHER BATCH AND I'LL USE YOUR FIRE INSTEAD!
THE FIRE DIED DOWN AND NEEDS A DRAFT TO FAN IT... S.O. PUFFF!
STOP, SUPERGIRL! YOUR SUPER-BREATH IS BLOWING SMOKE ALL OVER THE PLACE! COUGH! CHOKE!
I GET IT! YOU'RE JOINING OUR GROUP SO YOU CAN SPOIL OUR KICKS WITH YOUR SUPER-POWERS FROM NOW ON! OKAY! I CAN'T FIGHT SUPERGIRL! THE XI-PI-NI-FI SECRET SORORITY SHEERLY DISBANDED!
GOOD BOTH "HAZING" AND GATHERING AS A SECRET SOCIETY IS WRONG.
LOOKS LIKE WE'VE BEEN SUPER-HAZED!
LOOK, LINDA! SONYA AND THE SORORITY GIRLS APOLOGIZED FOR HAZING ME AND GAVE ME THIS NECKLACE WITH A GOLD HORNET CHARM!
BUT TELL ME, WAS IT FUN TO FLY AROUND THE CAMPUS WITH SUPERGIRL?
ER... LIKE THRILLING, JOAN!
THE END

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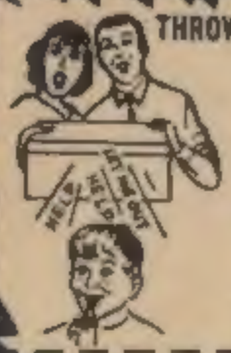

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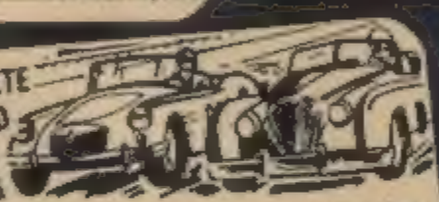

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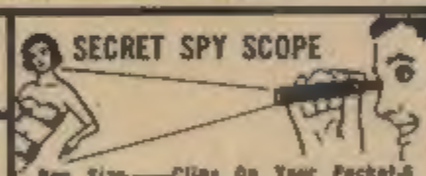

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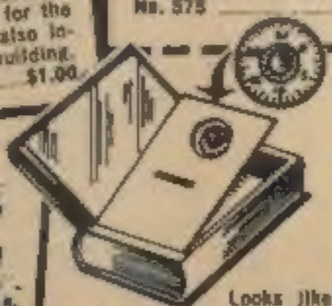

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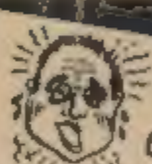

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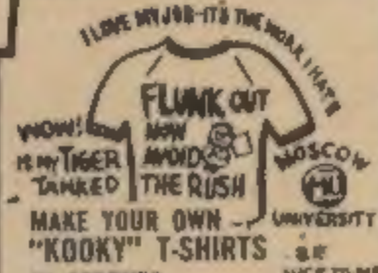

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